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This is a proposal of laziness. The Justice Department doesn't want to do the work that hackers have repeatedly been willing to do. A system that is easier for the Justice Department to hack will be easier for a criminal to hack, which can, as we know, be dangerous.

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